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PASS TO DR. WALSH, PROJECT HOE FROM SCOTT/FREDRIKSEN

1. CABLE RECEIVED BY FREDRIKSEN MONDAY, ARRIVED ADDIS TUESDAY. MEETINGS HELD TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY.

2. MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH INITIALLY SADDENED BY HOPE DECISION TO ABANDON ENTIRE ASMARA PROJECT. HOWEVER, THEY UNDERSTAND NECESSITY FOR DECISION. DR. JEMAL EXPRESSED DESIRE FOR CONTINUED LONG-TERM INVOLVEMENT OF HOPE IN ETHIOPIA. HE WOULD LIKE HAVE MOORE, GLUCK, KENNEL ASSIGNED TEACHING POSITIONS AT FACULTY OF MEDICINE AND SUGGESTED THEIR EARLIEST ARRIVAL ADDIS. DR. JEMAL EMPHASIZED NEED FOR POST-GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS HERE IN ETHIOPIA, FEELS HOPE CAN BEGIN IMMEDIATELY WITH THIS ACTIVITY AT FACULTY OF MEDICINE.

3. MINISTRY WISHES PROCEED IN OCTOBER WITH NURSE ANESTHETIST PROGRAM. BECAUSE OF HOPE DECISION, IT IS QUESTIONABLE AT THIS TIME AT WHICH HOSPITAL (DUKE OF HARRAR OR PRINCESS TSEHAY) OR IF BOTH WILL HAVE SUCH AN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM. WHO WAS TO START A PROGRAM AT DUKE OF HARRAR.

4. DR. JEMAL FEELS REPLANNING OF HOPE PROGRAM WILL TAKE TIME, UNCLASSIFIED

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A COUPLE OF MONTHS. HE ALSO MENTIONED POSSIBLE HOPE INVOLVE-

MENT IN ADDIS AT CENTRAL LABORATORY AND AT PROVINCIAL LABORATORIES. HE MENTIONED NEED FOR THE HEALTH ASSISTANTS TRAINING PROGRAM IN RURAL AREAS. HE ASKED IF HOPE PREFERRED TO BE INVOLVED WITH NEW EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS OR IF WE COULD BE INVOLVED WITH UPGRADING THOSE IN EXISTENCE. WE RESPONDED, GIVEN TYPE OF EDUCATION PROGRAMS PROPOSED WOULD BE WILLING CONSIDER BOTH TYPES OF INVOLVEMENT. REPLANNING WILL START IMMEDIATELY BY MPH STAFF.

5. THERE IS NO SPACE AVAILABLE FOR A HOPE OFFICE AT MPH. POSSIBILITIES EXIST AT HOSPITALS OR FACULTY OF MEDICINE.

6. WE HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT EAL WILL NOT COME DOWN ON THEIR FREIGHT CHARGES. THEY REDUCED THEIR RATES FOR FAMINE RELIEF AND CANNOT FINANCIALLY DO MORE AT PRESENT. EAL PRIVATE PROFIT-MAKING CORPORATION OVER WHICH MINISTRY HAS NO CONTROL/INFLUENCE.

7. HOUSING HERE A DEFINITE PROBLEM. UNFURNISHED HOUSES AVERAGE US\$400/MONTH, PLUS UTILITIES, ONE YEAR LEASE AND 6 MONTHS ADVANCE PAYMENT. MINISTRY IS REQUESTING SOME KAGNEW FURNITURE FOR HOUSING PLUS OFFICES, OFFICE EQUIPMENT, MEDICAL EQUIPMENT/SUPPLIES, VEHICLES FOR HOPE SUPPORT IN ADDIS. DON'T KNOW HOW JOINT COMMISSION WILL RESPOND. MINISTRY CASH SUPPORT FOR HOUSING UNLIKELY TO BE FORTHCOMING.

8. AGREEMENT WOULD HAVE TO BE REDONE. ORIGINAL PROVISIONS FOR DUTY-FREE IMPORT, FREE ENTRY/RESIDENCE VISAS ETC. WOULD BE MAINTAINED BY HOPE SAYS WOIZERO SOPHIA.

9. ONE OF THE UNNEGOTIABLE CONDITIONS OF OFFERING INTERNISTS/ NURSE ANESTHETIST PROGRAM WAS EAL LOWERING THEIR FREIGHT CHARGES. NEW PROGRAM WOULD HAVE MINIMAL SHIPPING IT WOULD SEEM.

10. DR. JEMAL WILL BE IN GONDAR UNTIL NEXT THURSDAY. FREDRIKSEN WILL RETURN ASMARA THURSDAY TO TALK WITH TEAM AND IN DEPTH WITH MOORE. SCOTT WILL RETURN ASMARA THURSDAY TO START PHASEOUT. FREDRIKSEN WILL LEAVE ASMARA FRIDAY, TALK WITH KENNEL, ARRIVE D.C. TWA-735, 1605, SUNDAY, JUNE 16.

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11. NEED YOUR INPUT CONCERNING EAL CONDITION, HOW HOUSING/ FURNITURE BE FINANCED AND OTHER FACTS MENTIONED. SHOULD MOORE PROCEED ADDIS FOR PERMANENT ASSIGNMENT ON WEDNESDAY? SHOULD KENNEL AWAIT INITIAL MOORE INPUT OR PROCEED ON 6/20 TO ADDIS? IF GO, WE FEEL MOORE/KENNEL/GLUCK SHOULD PLAN WITH MINISTRY BEFORE NURSE ANESTHETIST IS SENT. PLEASE RESPOND ASMARA ASAP. WYMAN

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